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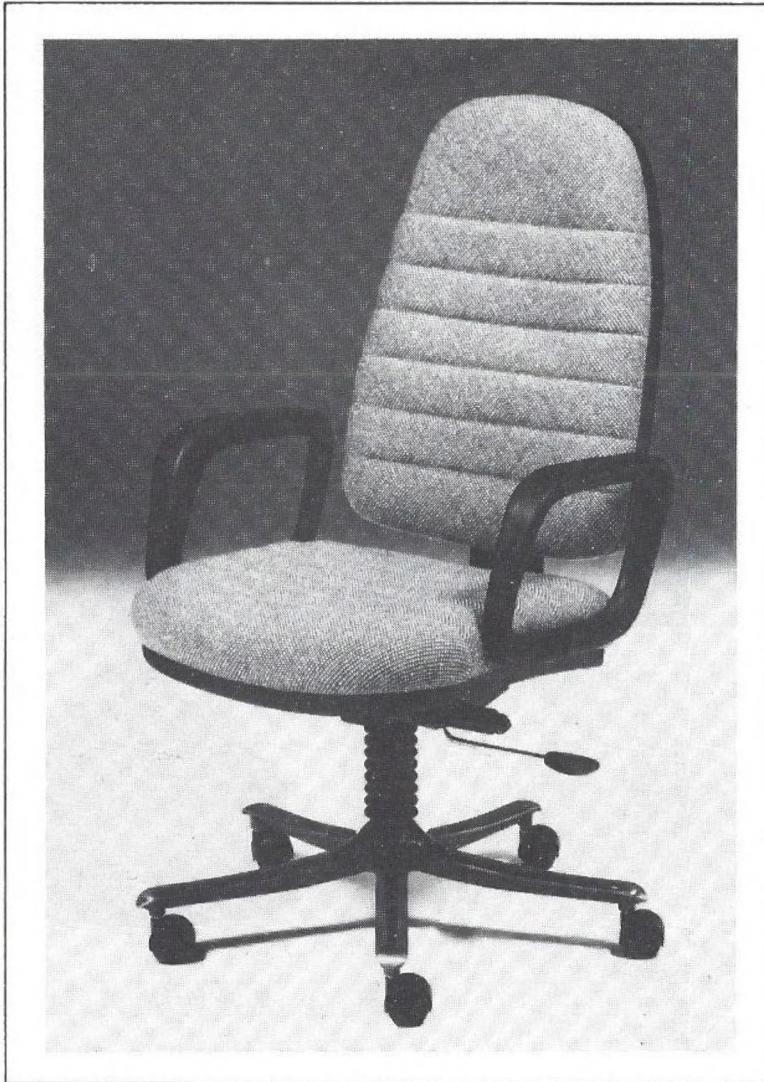
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Here We Go Again!

by Martin O'Neill

Saturday 11th May will be my 10th Wembley appearance - I've been there four times with Nottingham Forest (two wins and one loss in the League Cup and once in the Charity Shield) and five times with Northern Ireland. I can tell you, though, that I will be as nervous and excited as I've ever been before.

Most people will realise the great feat the lads have achieved for Wycombe - the first Wembley visit for 34 years - and although our supporters will obviously be rooting for us to win, in the event that we get beaten the more generous of them will also endeavour to ease the sorrow by saying that we at least played in the final and that is the most important thing. Although that is, of course, eminently sensible I can tell you that the players won't be able to share those sentiments. They will want the ground to open up beneath so that they can disappear from sight - they will feel absolutely gutted. Apart from the obvious reasons I hope they do not have to experience the feeling.

At the moment, with fingers crossed that the situation will not change, I am lucky enough to have twenty fit players for selection having struggled for much of the season with a bare thirteen. That throws up another problem - who do I play? At 2.00 p.m. on the day of the Final I will have to tell seven of the lads that they will not be involved on the pitch. At that point they will feel sick. It happened to me with Forest in the European Cup. We had destroyed Cologne in the semi-final and I had managed to recover from an injury just three days before our final with Malmo of Sweden - we were sure of winners medals. Myself, Archie Gemmill and Frank Clarke were all not really 100% match fit and Mr. Clough pulled us all aside and explained he couldn't carry all three of us. Frank was selected and Archie and myself had to sit out. I moped all the way through the game and felt I would never really have as good a chance again - but I did, the following year I was back again and it was all put right. If those seven lads are reading this I honestly, honestly share your hurt but I hope my story can ease it a little.

To the supporters - I've said it umpteen times this season, you've been brilliant. I can tell you that the players are as pleased for you as you are for them. If there was one person who said to me after the 2nd leg match that they've waited "x amount of years" for this moment, then there was umpteen.

The lads and myself sincerely hope the fans enjoy their day and with a little luck will be bringing the Trophy back for them. We know they'll get behind us just as they did at Altrincham and weren't those balloons fantastic?

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Mark West scores Wycombe's first

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F.A. Trophy Semi Final (2nd Leg)

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Keith Scott about to score from the penalty spot to put Altrincham down and out

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Wembley At Last

by Steve Peart

Our Second Leg Trophy victory at Altrincham marked the end of a 34 year absence from Wembley Stadium, which is far too long for a club of this standing. Since that game the club has received congratulations from all areas of football including the Football Association who recognise that our wonderful support could well ensure a new attendance record for a Trophy Final. And what a game to look forward to. Like ourselves Kidderminster Harriers play attractive football, ideally suited to the wide Wembley pitch, and previous encounters between our two clubs have produced some memorable football. We also enjoy excellent relations with them off the pitch.

Since over 90,000 saw us lose 3-1 to Bishop Auckland in the 1957 Amateur Cup Final we have had precious few "near misses" in our attempts to return to Wembley. In 1971-72 we reached the semi-final of the Amateur Cup when nearly 10,000 saw us lose 2-1 to Hendon at Brentford, to a controversial winning goal. Some 80 coaches journeyed from Wycombe that day. It was another 10 years to the next semi-final, this time in the Trophy, when an excellent battling performance at Altrincham secured a 1-1 draw in the first leg. We knew the second leg would not be easy but our lack of experience compared to Alty and the gulf between the Alliance and Isthmian Leagues proved too great on the day and nearly 5000 saw us suffer a crushing 3-0 defeat. Two seasons ago we found ourselves in the quarter-finals, the strongest team left in the competition, but with a difficult away tie on the artificial pitch at Hyde United. Our name was written on the cup, everyone said, but the army of travelling supporters were massively disappointed as we crashed out 1-0. Mention "plastic pitches" to Wycombe fans and watch their faces turn white!

The early rounds in this season's competition proved to be real battles as our opponents played to the best of their abilities but we saved our best form for the semi's. Those two games against Altrincham emphasized just how far the club has come in Martin O'Neill's first year. Under Jim Kelman the team was transformed from a somewhat easy touch to a difficult team to beat. The days of 7-0 and 5-1 home defeats were ended. Martin has continued this improvement whilst keeping an entertaining style of play. Our old failing of losing out on the big occasion is something of the past and it is remarkable to think that only one non-league team, Cheltenham, have beaten us by more than one clear goal this season.

Looking back to that win at Altrincham everyone will have their own special memories. It goes without saying that the team produced a thoroughly professional performance, over both legs, helped by the best supporters a football club could want. They seemed to give the team an air of invincibility - everyone knew we would do it. Some of the special moments which stand out for me include Mark West scoring his goal. There was an eerie silence for two seconds before our fans at the other end realised what had happened, silence that is except for an ecstatic Westy. I have seen most of Mark's 150 plus goals (some of our fans have seen them all I think!) but the sheer delight on his face is something that I will remember forever. He knew that goal meant Wembley. Then in the final seconds of the game I looked over at the Wycombe bench and saw a really heartwarming sight. Mark was celebrating with the other squad players, all of them to a man were cheering excitedly. Some of them probably realised that they would not be playing at Wembley but all of them were very proud to be part of the team.

Perhaps the best moment of that exhausting but exhilarating day happened after the fans arrived back at Adams Park. When told that the team coach was two minutes away everyone filed out into the car park. As the coach pulled in hundreds of supporters cheered and waved. The door opened and Glyn Creaser, clearly overwhelmed, introduced the players one by one to huge applause as they stepped off the coach. Even Reg Holt, our longest serving committee man, received a big cheer. In the bar chairman, manager and captain made short speeches of thanks and Glyn, in particular, was moved by the occasion, shaking hands with the supporters and kissing the ladies.

It has been a wonderful season. A new stadium to be proud of and a team to be proud of. The best day is yet to come. See you all at Wembley.

Wembley - A Brief History

Wembley Stadium Limited owns 73 acres of freehold land on which stands the world-famous Stadium, originally built as part of the British Empire Exhibition in 1923 at a cost of £750,000 and covering approximately 13 acres.

Before the exhibition opened, in fact, the first event of any kind took place at the Stadium on April 28th, 1923 - the FA Cup Final between Bolton Wanderers and West Ham, the result of which was Bolton 2 West Ham 0. The official attendance of this first and last "Pay at the Gate" Cup Final was 126,947.

Since those early days, Wembley Stadium has become renowned the world over for the staging of football matches (including the FA Cup Final, Football League Cup Final, and full England International matches). A host of other events also take place including the Rugby League Cup Final, Women's Hockey Internationals, Schoolboy Soccer Internationals, American Football, Pop Festivals and the Military Musical Pageant. Greyhound Racing which started at the Stadium in 1927 is still presented at the Stadium throughout the year four times a week.

A new innovation in 1977 was the introduction of the now famous Wembley Stadium Tour which operates six days a week all the year round and introduces visitors to the novel experience of seeing "Behind the Scenes" in the Dressing Rooms, the Players' Tunnel and the Royal Box. The Stadium has been the setting for many historical and never-to-be forgotten events, the most outstanding of which, since the Second World War, have been the Olympic Games (1948), the World Cup Soccer Finals (1966) and the Papal Visit (1982).

To keep pace with such momentous occasions, improvements are constantly taking place. In 1962/3 a new translucent roof was erected to enable a full-house 100,000 crowd to be completely covered (55,000 standing and 45,000 seated). The cost of this was almost 1½ million pounds and soon afterwards a huge, electronically operated scoreboard was installed.

To complement the outdoor arena, an indoor building, the Wembley Arena (formerly the Empire Pool and Sports Arena) was opened in 1934 with a seating capacity of some 10,000 according to the event taking place. Though no longer a swimming pond, the Arena, which had a new £200,000 floor installed in 1976, is readily adaptable for staging Ice Shows, Ice Hockey and other ice events, as well as such diverse activities such as Amateur and Professional Boxing, Netball, Badminton, Tennis, Gymnastics, Basketball, Five-a-Side Football, The Horse of the Year Show and Pop Concerts.

The grounds of Wembley Stadium have car parking facilities for 5,000 cars and 1,000 coaches. This is a vital need, since up to 5,000,000 people visit Wembley each year.

The first part of an extensive £20 million development project to be completed was a spacious 330 bedroom Hotel and multi-storey car park, with room for 1,400 cars. Also, a 15-Court luxury Squash Centre, including a glass-backed championship arena, was finished in the autumn of 1974 on the site of the former Ten Pin Bowl.

The most ambitious part of the project was the £14 million Conference Centre, officially opened in January 1977. The UK's first purpose-built conference centre to international standards, and auditorium seating up to 2,700 with the facility for up to eight-language simultaneous interpretation and modern exhibition space of 32,000 sq ft. The main auditorium has also proved itself to be a luxurious hall serving the public in the North-West London area and beyond.

Another important part of the development is the office block adjoining the Conference Centre, comprising 125,000 sq.ft. of space.

A further innovation is the provision of two pedestrian Walk-Ways. The first "pedway" which became operational in 1975 extends long Olympic Way, is 60 feet in width, and provides football fans with easier entry and exit to and from the Stadium on match days. With pedestrian and vehicular traffic separated, to a large extent, the safety of people on foot is greatly improved. The second "pedway" extends to the main thoroughfare of Empire Way and was first used in early 1977.

Last season the Stadium held its first all-seater match when a full house of 80,000 saw England beat Brazil 1-0 on March 28th 1990. This ground limit includes the Olympic Gallery under the roof of the Stadium which provides 4000 seats and 29 executive boxes.

The record receipts for a football match at Wembley are £2 million (a British record) for last May's FA Cup Final between Manchester United Crystal Palace.

1957 F.A. AMATEUR CUP FINAL

BISHOP AUCKLAND 3 - 1 WYCOMBE WANDERERS

(at Wembley Stadium - attendance 90.000)



Wycombe In The Trophy

by Dave Finch

For those of us old enough to remember, the F.A. Amateur Cup was second to none for excitement and atmosphere and it took some time for the F.A. Trophy to replace it. It wasn't helped by Wycombe being drawn away for the first four seasons of entering. The first ever game was in the Third Qualifying Round on 30th November 1974 at **Ilford**, whose splendid Lynn Road ground has sadly disappeared, although the club have been resurrected in the Greene King Spartan League. The following team lost 3-0:- B Steventon, P Birdseye, G Hand, K Mead, A Phillips, H Kennedy, S Perrin, D Alexander, K Searle, M Holifield, D Evans. Sub. T Reardon. Brian Steventon was making his only competitive appearance for the club.

The following season saw another defeat at the first hurdle, this time 1-0 at **Slough**. Strangely, in 1976-77, Wycombe started in the First Round Proper, where a Howard Kettleborough goal secured a 1-0 win at **Barnet**. The Second Round saw a long trip to **Runcorn**. Despite an early goal by Micky Holifield and a penalty save by John Maskell, two second-half goals saw Runcorn through. The next season saw the same pattern. A 1-0 win at **Bridgend**, thanks to a late Holifield goal, followed by a 2-1 defeat at **Goole** in atrocious conditions. 1978-79 saw the club have their best run. Home at last in the First Round, with a Mark Judd goal being enough to defeat **Barking**. This was followed by a 1-1 draw at **Blyth Spartans** and an excellent 3-0 win in the replay, Steve Hardwick, Steve Long and Stewart Atkins scoring in front of a 2,400 crowd. The Third Round saw two very late goals gain a 2-2 draw at **Hayes** before disappointingly losing 3-2 at Loakes Park in the replay. A year later, **Bedford** were beaten 1-0 away, after a 0-0 draw at home, while in an excellent Second Round game at **Burton**, Wycombe went down 4-2. 1980-81 saw the heaviest defeat to date, **Sutton** winning 5-1 at Gander Green Lane following a single goal victory at **Cheltenham**. The following season saw the club reach the Semi-Final for the first time. **Walthamstow** were beaten 5-1 at Loakes Park after two 1-1 draws. In the Second Round, a superb free kick by Howard Kennedy clinched a 3-2 home win over Hyde United following a 0-0 draw. **Bishop Auckland** (4-1 at home) and **Kidderminster** (1-0 away) were defeated before meeting **Altrincham** in the Semi's. Kenny Wilson opened the scoring at Moss Lane with six minutes to go, only for Alty to equalise in injury time. The Second Leg at Loakes Park saw a comprehensive 3-0 defeat in front of 4,896 spectators.

1982-83 saw a 2-1 home win over a **Wealdstone** side including Forest's Stuart Pearce. The Second Round was a three-game affair with **Boston**, who triumphed 2-0 at Kettering after 0-0 and 1-1 draws. A year later **Dorchester** were beaten 4-0 at Loakes Park followed by a 2-0 defeat at **Bromsgrove**. 1984-85 saw the club's biggest win, 6-1 at a snow covered Loakes Park against **Dartford**. **Wealdstone** gained their revenge in the next round, winning 2-1 on the way to the Double. The next season saw the Quarter-Finals reached. Wins at **Barnet** (1-0) and **Crawley** (2-0) were followed by a marathon with **Leek Town**. A 2-2 draw in the snow at Loakes Park was followed by an incredible 5-5 draw at Leek, a game that was postponed several times due to the adverse weather. The third game at Worcester saw Neal Stanley score early, only for Leek to equalise. Finally, again at Worcester, a Mark West goal saw Wycombe through to the Fourth Round. Despite Simon Read bundling in an early goal **Kettering** won 2-1 at Rockingham Road.

1986-87 and 1987-88 saw them fall in the First Round, at **Leatherhead** (1-0, after a 0-0 draw) and at home to **Cheltenham** 3-2 respectively.

Because of these two defeats, the next season saw a start in the Third Qualifying Round when a 2-0 home win was gained over **Cambridge City**. There followed a 0-0 draw at **Bath** on a Sunday afternoon, with John Kerr scoring a hat-trick in the 4-0 replay triumph. A Martin Blackler goal was enough to win at **Wealdstone**, while in torrential rain, Mark West and Glyn Creaser scored in a 2-0 win at Loakes Park against **Merthyr Tydfil** in front of a 3,434 crowd. Dreams of Wembley were dashed in the Quarter-Finals with a one goal defeat on **Hyde's** artificial pitch.

A poor First Round performance last year, a 3-1 home defeat against **Metropolitan Police**, was followed by the resignation of Jim Kelman and the ultimate arrival of one Martin O'Neill.

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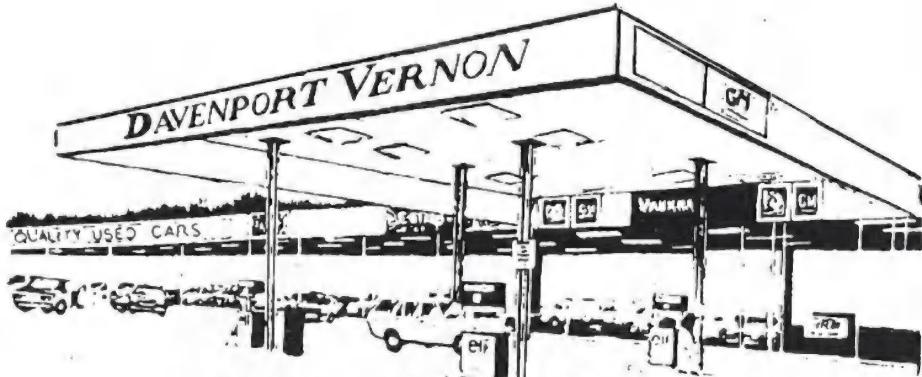
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A Short History Of The F.A. Trophy

As professionalism spread throughout non-League football in the 1960's the Football Association decided to institute a competition for those clubs who were barred from entering the F.A. Amateur Cup. The F.A. Challenge Trophy was first played for in the 1969-70 season and the two Cup competitions ran parallel for five seasons with entries based purely on whether the club paid their players or not.

When the Amateur Cup was disbanded in 1974 the strongest 100 clubs from that competition were transferred into the F.A. Trophy with the remainder taking part in the new F.A. Challenge Vase. Nowadays there are approximately 200 clubs competing annually in the Trophy and some 500 in the Vase. Of the 64 teams who take part in the Trophy First Round Proper, 32 come straight into the competition joining the 32 who have battled through the three qualifying rounds.

The actual trophy is made of antique silver, stands nearly 30" high, 11" wide, weighs over 20lbs and was valued at £750 in 1970. It was originally given to the F.A. in 1905 by Sir Ernest Cochrane, a JP and barrister, who had an office in New York. He envisaged an international contest between England, Canada and the USA, to promote the game in North America.

The highest recorded win in the Trophy is Tilbury's 10-0 away win at Biggleswade Town in the 1975-76 Preliminary Round. The biggest home victory is Barking 10 Chelmsford City 2, in the Second Qualifying Round of the 1978-79 season. The most remarkable tie took place in the Second Qualifying Round in 1980-81 when Netherfield beat Bridlington Trinity after 13 hours of football in a sixth replay!

FA CHALLENGE TROPHY FINALS

1970	Macclesfield Town	2	Telford United	0	(28,000)
1971	Telford United	3	Hillingdon Borough	2	(29,500)
1972	Stafford Rangers	3	Barnet	0	(24,000)
1973	Scarborough	2	Wigan Athletic	1	(23,000)
1974	Morecombe	2	Dartford	1	(19,000)
1975	Matlock Town	4	Scarborough	0	(21,000)
1976	Scarborough	3	Stafford Rangers	2	(21,000)
1977	Scarborough	2	Dagenham	1	(20,500)
1978	Altrincham	3	Leatherhead	1	(20,000)
1979	Stafford Rangers	2	Kettering Town	0	(32,000)
1980	Dagenham	2	Mossley	1	(26,000)
1981	Bishops Stortford	1	Sutton United	0	(22,578)
1982	Enfield	1	Altrincham	0	(18,678)
1983	Telford	2	Northwich Victoria	1	(22,071)
1984	Northwich Victoria	1	Bangor City	1	(14,200)
Replay	Northwich Victoria	2	Bangor City	1	(5,805) *
1985	Wealdstone	2	Boston United	1	(20,775)
1986	Altrincham	1	Runcorn	0	(15,700)
1987	Kidderminster Harriers	0	Burton Albion	0	(23,617)
Replay	Kidderminster Harriers	2	Burton Albion	1	(15,685) ★
1988	Enfield	0	Telford United	0	(20,161)
Replay	Enfield	3	Telford United	2	(6,912) ★
1989	Telford United	1	Macclesfield Town	0	(18,102)
1990	Barrow	3	Leek Town	0	(19,011)

* at Stoke City, ★ &at West Bromwich Albion.


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JOHN GRANVILLE (Goalkeeper) Aged 34, born Tobago. Joined Wycombe in January 1988 and has now made over 150 appearances. A former Trinidad & Tobago International who played six Second Division League games for Millwall in 1985/86. He has also been on the books of Queens Park Rangers. A full-time player, he is extensively involved in the Club's coaching scheme in local schools.

CHUCK MOUSSADDIK (Goalkeeper) Aged 21, born Morocco. Joined last season from Wimbledon after beginning his career as an apprentice at Tottenham. Made his first team debut in October this season. Has played for England Schools and the Moroccan U-21 side.

GLYN CREASER (Defender) Aged 31, born London. Moved to Wycombe from Barnet in September 1988 for a then Club record fee of £15,000. Made 167 appearances for Barnet, scoring 12 goals, and was ever present in 1987/88. Signed for Barnet in March 1985 following previous experience at Kettering Town and Northampton Town. Has represented the FA XI. He is currently captain of the side and has made more than 100 appearances.

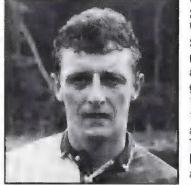
MATT CROSSLEY (Defender) Aged 22, born Basingstoke. Signed by Wycombe in February 1988 from local football in Hampshire having previously played under former Manager Jim Kelman at Newbury Town. Has also played for Aldershot, Basingstoke Town and Oxford United. He has now made over 130 appearances for the Club.

ANDY KERR (Defender) Aged 25, born West Bromwich. Moved to Wycombe for a small fee at the end of August 1988 from Telford United. Began his career with Shrewsbury Town in 1983, where he made 10 appearances. He then joined Cardiff City, making 31 Fourth Division appearances in 1986/87, before moving to Telford. Player of the Season and ever present last year. Represented the FA this season and has made more than 130 appearances for Wycombe.

STEVE WHITBY (Defender) Aged 20, born Edgware. Close season signing during 1990 having played for the reserves at the end of last season. He immediately established himself in the right back position. Previously with Berkhamsted and Hitchin.

STUART CASH (Defender) Aged 25, born Tipton. Loan signing in March from Nottingham Forest. Has yet to make his first team debut at The City Ground but made eight loan appearances at Rotherham in Division Three last season, scoring one goal. Began his career at Stourbridge, Bilston Town and Halesowen before joining Forest last season.

STEVE WALFORD (Defender) Aged 33, born London. Signed in October 1990 after spending last season in Hong Kong and the start of this season in Turkey. Began his career at Tottenham as an apprentice in 1974 where he made two League appearances in three seasons and represented England Youth. Joined Arsenal in 1977, playing 77 games and winning an F.A. Cup winners medal, before



moving to Norwich where he teamed up with Martin O'Neill, appearing 93 times for The Canaries. Left in 1983 for West Ham where he made 115 appearances over a nine season period, also playing on loan at Huddersfield (12), Gillingham (4) and West Bromwich (4).

DAVE CARROLL (Midfield) Aged 24, born Paisley. Signed in the summer of 1988 for a tour figure sum from Vauxhall Opel League side Ruislip Manor following a short loan spell the previous season. He spent two years with Manor having spent a year with Wembley. Has gained three Caps for the England Youth teams and represented the F.A. this season. He has now made over 130 appearances for Wycombe.

MARTIN BLACKLER (Midfield) Aged 28, born Swindon. A 1988 close season signing from Trowbridge where he spent two years.

Began his senior football as an apprentice with Swindon Town. After four years there he moved to Witney Town in the Southern League for a two year spell before spending the 1985/86 season with Cheltenham Town in the Gola League. Missed much of this season through injury.

ANDY ROBINSON (Midfield) Aged 25, born Oldham. Signed by Wycombe in August 1988 following his release from Carlisle United. Made 35 appearances for the Fourth Division side during 1987/88 having joined them the previous season from Bury. A former apprentice at Manchester United and England Schoolboy International who made a few loan appearances for Burnley whilst at Old Trafford. Another player to have made over 130 appearances for Wycombe.

SIMON STAPLETON (Midfield) Aged 22, born Oxford. Joined in August 1989 from Bristol Rovers after turning down an extension to his contract to play for Wycombe. Made five appearances for Rovers after beginning his career at Portsmouth. Featured in every game last season and has played in every position in midfield and defence while at Wycombe, recently making his 100th appearance.

GARY SMITH (Midfield) Aged 22, born London. Signed in January 1990 from Enfield. Previously with Colchester United, making 11 appearances in the Fourth Division in 1987/88.

MICKEY NUTTALL (Forward) Aged 22, born Boston. Signed from Cheltenham Town in January this season for £6,000, scoring on his League debut at Kidderminster. Began his career with Peterborough United in 1987-88, going on to make 28 appearances. Also made three loan appearances each for Crewe and Carlisle before joining Cheltenham in November last season.

MATTHEW HANLAN (Midfield) Aged 24, born York. Arrived last summer from Sutton United but a pre-season injury delayed his debut until January. Originally joined Sutton as a youth player and went on to make 148 appearances, scoring 22 goals. Best known for his winning goal against Coventry in the 1988/89 FA Cup.



KEITH RYAN (Forward) Aged 20, born Northampton. Arrived from Berkhamsted during the 1990 close season after making some reserve appearances the previous year.

Cousin of fellow Wycombe player Steve Whitby, he scored on his debut when coming on as sub against Northwich at home.

JONATHAN PRICE (Midfield) Aged 19, born Hemel Hempstead. Signed on a free transfer in March this season from Watford, whom he joined as a junior. Spent 16 months there playing in the reserve side.



MARK WEST (Forward) Aged 25, born High Wycombe. A local player who joined Wycombe in December 1984 following spells at West Ham and then Reading. A member of the Cup winning Wycombe Schools U-15 side of 1981, he represented England Schoolboys that same year. Has now made over 320 appearances for Wycombe, scoring over 150 goals, and is one of the best known strikers in the Conference. He has been leading scorer for the last four seasons and was Player of the Season in 1987/88. Played for the FA XI this season.

STEVE GUPPY (Forward) Aged 21, born Winchester. Left sided winger who was released by Southampton at the end of the 89/90 season. He rejected a move to Exeter City to sign for Wycombe and has now made over 80 appearances.

SIMON HUTCHINSON (Forward) Aged 21, born Sheffield. Signed from Eastwood Town in the HFS Loans League at the end of August 1990 for £7,000. Previously with Manchester United (three years), spent a year at the F.A. School of Excellence, Lilleshall and has represented English Schools. Scored in his first full game for the Club against Runcorn at Adams Park.

KEITH SCOTT (Forward) Aged 23, born London. Signed for an initial fee of £10,000 from Lincoln City in March this season. He originally came to us on a month's loan, scoring on his debut against Slough Town. Began his career at Hinckley Athletic, moving on to Leicester United from whom Lincoln bought him in March 1990 for £22,500. Scored two goals in ten appearances for Lincoln last season and has also played on loan for Gateshead and Boston United this season.



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PAUL JONES (Goalkeeper): Born at Chirk (just over the border into Wales) but qualified for England, and has already been on "stand-by" for the England non-League international side, and played in F.A. representative matches. Joined Kidderminster from Bridgnorth Town in September 1986 as third choice goalkeeper, but took over the goalkeeping spot in the Harriers side when Jim Arnold retired. Has attracted attention from Barclays League clubs and, at 23, has already made over 200 first team appearances.

ALAN KURILA (Defender): Signed for Kidderminster at start of 1990/91 season for a five figure fee from Stafford Rangers. The move finally ended a four year chase for Harriers who originally attempted to sign him from neighbours Bromsgrove Rovers. Previous clubs include Long Buckby, Birmingham City, Bedford Town, Bromsgrove Rovers, Burton Albion and Stafford Rangers.

JOHN McGRATH (Defender): Signed for Kidderminster at start of 1990/91 season from Worcester City where he spent eight seasons from 1982. Glasgow born, started his career with Shrewsbury Town when 16, and spent three seasons with the Shropshire club.

MARTIN WEIR (Defender): Birmingham born, 22 year old central defender. Joined Kidderminster in September 1986, after two seasons with Birmingham City under Managers Ron Saunders and John Bond. After a season in the reserve side has established himself as one of the club's most consistent performers.

DAVID BARRETT (Defender): Signed by Kidderminster on a free transfer from Walsall in October 1990. 23 year old Birmingham born central defender, who started with Wolverhampton Wanderers, and then joined Woking for a short spell.

DAVID BENTON (Defender): Joined Kidderminster from Birmingham City in August 1987 after a spell on schoolboy forms with the Football League club. Made first team debut in Welsh Cup tie at Mord.

RICHARD FORSYTH (Midfield): 20 year old Dudley born, Developed through the reserve sides. Already made over 100 first team appearances and a bright future is

predicted. A regular goal scorer and "deadly" from the penalty spot!

ANTONE JOSEPH (Midfield): Club captain, and one of the most experienced players in the GM Vauxhall Conference. Joined Kidderminster in December 1989 for a club record fee of £17,000 from Telford United. Has played at Wembley four times for Telford in Trophy finals. Aged 30 with 15 England caps.

STEPHEN LILWALL (Midfield): Equally at home in a midfield role or defence. 21 year old born in Birmingham. Was playing for Moor Green youth team against Kidderminster, and an impressive performance led to him being signed by The Harriers. Conference debut against Cheltenham in 1989/90 and now a regular first team player.

BRETT WILCOX (Midfield): Started with G.K.N. Sankey in the West Midlands League, before linking up with Bridgnorth. Conference debut as substitute at Northwich Victoria in January 1991.

PETER HOWELL (Forward): Kidderminster's first "full-time" professional, and joined the club after injury ended his career at Aston Villa. Now in his fourth season, with 150 appearances. Has appeared in F.A. representative teams. Is now 23 years of age and continues to impress. Top scorer this season with 19 goals.

DAVID HADLEY (Forward): Joined Kidderminster from Moor Green in September 1990 for a five figure fee. A prolific scorer in the Beazer Homes League has attracted the attention of many senior clubs during his four years at "The Morelands".

DWLWYN HUMPHREYS (Forward): A five figure signing from Bridgnorth Town in November 1990. Within weeks of signing, was included in England non-League international squad. Previous clubs Bridgnorth, Wolverhampton Wanderers, Scarborough, on loan for three months to Crewe Alexandra. Equally at home "up front" or in midfield.

MARK WHITEHOUSE (Forward): Joined Harriers at the beginning of last season from Burton Albion for a four figure fee. Previously with Moor Green, Oldbury, Tamworth, Redditch and Worcester City. He has always been a prolific scorer and has represented the F.A.. Now aged 29.



Back Row:- Chris Burton, Matthew Carroll, Alan Attwood, Jason Lowe, Peter Howell, Steve Lillwall, David Benton, Jason Harris (now Bromsgrove), Anton Joseph

Middle Row:- Matthew Brown (Physio), John McGrath, Paul Jones, Colin Brazier, John Barton (now Tamworth), Darren Steadman, Robert Shilcock (now Halesowen), Jimmy Conway (Chief Physio).

Front Row:- Jimmy Hall (Reserve/Youth Team Manager), Martin Weir, Mark Whitehouse, Graham Allner (General Manager), Paul Davies, Richard Forsyth, Graham Mackenzie (Chief Coach).

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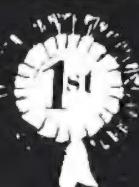
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SCORERS

DATE	VEN	COMP	RES	ATT	WYCOMBE	HARRIERS'
20.03.82	A	FAT4	W1-0	2984	Glynn	
05.04.86	H	GOLA	L2-5	621	West, Read	Casey (2), Davies, Tuohy, O'Dowd
24.04.86	A	GOLA	L2-8	704	Connolly, Collins	Casey (3), Davies (2), O'Dowd (2), C Jones
29.08.87	A	GMVC	W2-0	1126	Durham (2)	
08.03.88	H	GMVC	L0-1	1583		Boxall
24.10.88	A	CC2	L1-4	929	Young	Howell (2), Davies, R Jones
19.11.88	A	GMVC	L0-2	1505		Davies, Shilvock
18.02.89	H	GMVC	W1-0	4239	A Kerr	
23.09.89	H	GMVC	D3-3	1913	West (2), J Kerr	Casey, Whitehouse, Howell
31.03.90	H	GMVC	W2-0	1225	A Kerr, Durham	
01.12.90	H	GMVC	L2-3	2768	Evans (2)	Humphreys (2), Howell
19.01.91	A	GMVC	W2-1	1521	West, Nuttell	Weir

This Season's Meetings

Saturday, 1st December 1990

GM Vauxhall Conference

Wycombe Wanderers

Evans 2, 82

2 3 Kidderminster Harriers

Humphreys 13, 73, Howell 43

Attendance 2768

Wycombe Wanderers: Granville, Crossley, Walford (Ryan 55 mins), Kerr, Creaser, D Carroll, Blackler, Smith, West, Evans, Hutchinson (Robinson 72 mins)

Kidderminster Harriers: Jones, Kurila, Lilwall, Weir, Barnett, Forsyth, Joseph, Howell, Hadley, Benton (M Carroll 85 mins), Humphreys.

Sub not used: Attwood

Saturday 19th January
GM Vauxhall Conference

Kidderminster Harriers 1 2 Wycombe Wanderers

Weir 80

West 25, Nuttell 70

Attendance 1521

Kidderminster Harriers: Jones, Kurila, McGrath, Weir, Hawker, Forsyth, Joseph (M Carroll 72 mins), Lilwall, Hadley (Attwood 85 mins), Davies, Humphreys.

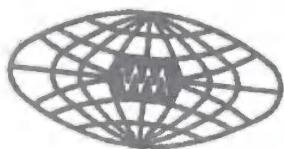
Wycombe Wanderers: Moussaddik, Crossley, Walford, Kerr, Creaser, D Carroll, Ryan, Stapleton, West, Nuttell, Guppy.

Subs not used: Lambert, Whitby.

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ROUND	OPPONENTS	V	RES	ATT	SCORERS
FIRST	WEALDSTONE	H	W1-0	2692	GUPPY
SECOND	V.S. RUGBY	A	W1-0	1835	WEST
THIRD	CHELTONHAM TOWN	H	W2-1	3143	CREASER, KERR
FOURTH	NORTHWICH VICTORIA	A	W3-2	1968	WEST, SCOTT 2
SEMI-FINAL 1	ALTRINCHAM	H	W2-1	5248	CARROLL, SCOTT
SEMI-FINAL 2	ALTRINCHAM	A	W2-0	3500	WEST, SCOTT (Pen)

KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS

ROUND	OPPONENTS	V	RES	ATT	SCORERS
FIRST	SUTTON UNITED	H	W4-2	1201	HOWELL, FORSYTH, CARROLL, HADLEY
SECOND	DOVER ATHLETIC	H	W1-0	1455	HOWELL
THIRD	BATH CITY	H	W3-1	1412	HOWELL, DAVIES, HUMPHREYS
FOURTH	EMLEY	H	W3-0	2408	HADLEY 2, BARNETT
SEMI-FINAL 1	WITTON ALBION	H	W1-0	2865	WHITEHOUSE
SEMI-FINAL 2	WITTON ALBION	A	L3-4	3800	WEIR, HOWELL, HADLEY
SEMI-FINAL 2R	WITTON ALBION	N*	W2-1	3277	HADLEY, FORSYTH

*AT STAFFORD RANGERS

FA TROPHY CLUB RECORDS 1969-1990

	No. of Seasons	Round Reached							Best Performance	Season First	Entered	Pts
		W	F	SF	QF	3	2	1				
1. Telford United	21	3	2	1	1	3	3	5	3	-	-	70,82,88
2. Stafford Rangers	21	2	1	2	2	1	5	7	1	-	-	71,78
3. Altrincham	21	2	1	2	3	2	2	5	4	-	-	77,85
4. Dagenham	16	1	1	3	3	2	2	4	-	-	-	79
5. Enfield	16	2	-	3	2	1	3	5	-	-	-	81,87
6. Dartford	21	-	1	3	2	-	5	9	1	-	-	73
7. Runcorn	21	-	1	3	1	5	1	4	1	3	2	85
8. Bangor City	20	-	1	1	1	4	5	8	-	-	-	83
9. Northwich Victoria	21	1	1	1	-	1	7	9	1	-	-	83
10. Boston United	21	-	1	1	1	4	5	7	2	-	-	84
11. Weymouth	21	-	-	-	2	4	9	6	-	-	-	73,76
12. Kidderminster Harriers	21	1	-	-	3	3	3	9	2	-	-	86
13. Burton Albion	21	-	1	1	1	3	5	8	2	-	-	86
14. Macclesfield Town	21	1	1	1	3	-	3	4	4	-	4	69
15. Yeovil Town	21	-	-	2	1	2	6	8	2	-	-	70,71
16. Barrow	18	1	-	1	1	2	4	7	2	-	-	89
17. Kettering Town	21	-	1	1	-	2	5	10	2	-	-	78
18. Barnet	21	-	1	1	2	2	2	7	4	-	2	71
19. Worcester City	20	-	-	-	4	-	4	10	2	-	-	69,73,80,81
20. Nuneaton Borough	21	-	-	-	3	1	5	9	3	-	-	76,79,86
21. Matlock Town	21	1	-	-	-	4	3	8	4	1	-	74
22. Wycombe Wanderers	16	-	-	1	2	1	7	3	2	-	-	81
23. Morecambe	21	1	-	-	2	2	2	7	5	1	1	73
24. Cheltenham Town	20	-	-	-	2	3	4	7	3	1	-	85,87
25. Bromsgrove Rovers	21	-	-	-	1	4	5	6	2	2	1	75

W=7, F=6, SF=5, QF=4 etc. 69 = 69/70 season etc.

Trophy Quotes Round By Round As told to "Ringing the Blues"

1st Round - Wealdstone 1-0 (Home)

"We must be mentally and physically prepared and not allow another Metropolitan Police situation to develop."

Martin O'Neill (before).

"Who knows, I could still be here and making a Trophy appearance with Wycombe at Wembley."
Nicky Evans (after).

"With that kind of luck, you could win it!"

David Gipp, (once on loan to WWFC from Barnet).

"We didn't play well but perhaps times have changed. We were the first team in Britain to score 50 goals and now they complain about winning 1-0. Whatever happened today we are in the Second Round."

Martin O'Neill (after).



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2nd Round - VS Rugby 0-1 (Away)

"We are thin on the ground at the moment and Davy Carroll could well be out, a massive blow for us. However, Andy Kerr should be back, but I'm glad you asked me about the goalkeeping position because Chuck Moussaddik will play. John is going through a loss of confidence at the moment and so Chuck will continue. Rugby are a strong side and will pose some problems, but I think at the least we will get a draw."

Martin O'Neill (before).

"They showed good build up but weren't able to finish. I think we contained them quite well."

Glyn Creaser.

"Very cheesed off. I thought we were the better side. Unfortunately my old friend Mark West popped up when he was least wanted. After that we became frustrated."

Antony Riley, (ex-Wycombe, now captain VS Rugby).

3rd Round - Cheltenham 2-1 (Home)

"Couldn't believe the draw. Would have been nice to get them in the Final."

Mickey Nuttall, (who signed from Cheltenham after the Wealdstone tie).

"A chance to avenge the Boxing Day defeat and I think we can do it. We are not taking our chances at the moment, and we must put that right. If we do we should reach the last eight."

Martin O'Neill (before).

"We did brilliantly to stay in the game after the penalty. John Granville has made some super saves for us and Kerr has produced the header of the century and here we are in the Quarter Final. They don't come much harder than Cheltenham, we knew that, now we can go onto the next hurdle."

Martin O'Neill (after).

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4th Round - Northwich 2-3 (Away)

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Graham Kelly, (Secretary of the FA, visiting Northwich for the match (before)).

"Anyone here today would say 'If that is Conference football, let's have more of it'. As a Northwich Director I wish Wycombe every success for the future and if anyone is going to get to Wembley this year it couldn't be a nicer club than Wycombe Wanderers."

Bill King, (Chairman GM Vauxhall Conference and Northwich Director (after)).

"Absolutely brilliant! A cracking game. Our supporters were fantastic. We battled well and to score three goals away from home in a Trophy Quarter-Final is very good news."

Martin O'Neill (after).

Semi-Final (1st Leg) - Altrincham 2-1 (Home)

"I fancy you to win over two legs because you are a good side and destiny seems to be with Wycombe in the Trophy. If you do get there I will be there with my scarf and rattle."

Barry Fry of Barnet (on hearing the draw).

"I understand you have been drawn with Altrincham in the Semi-Final. A tough one, still I wish you all the best, and who knows, maybe Wycombe and Tottenham will reach Wembley."

Gary Lineker (before a Sportsman's Dinner at Adams Park).

"Fantastic Semi-Final to look forward to. If we can get psyched up for it, who knows, maybe we can go and win the Trophy."

Martin O'Neill (before)

"A very tough game. We showed a lot of character and you never know, maybe that one goal will be enough to take us there. We are still in there battling and we have a real chance at Altrincham next week."

Martin O'Neill (after)

"The keeper definitely bottled it. I managed to knock it between his legs after he lost it. Now they have to come at us and win to go through. If we can consolidate and defend stoutly the longer it goes the better for us."

Keith Scott (after scoring the winner in the first leg).

Semi-Final (2nd Leg) - Altrincham 0-2 (Away)

"Wonderful for Wycombe and Martin. I really wish the Club every success against Altrincham and will be looking for you to get to Wembley. A great boost for the Club having moved to a new ground."

Frank Clark, (ex-Nottingham Forest, now Manager of Leyton Orient).

"If we get through we will know we have been in a game."

Altrincham Newsline after the First Leg.

"The Fisher result in mid-week could be a set back. Altrincham, having dominated the game without scoring they will get frustrated on Saturday if they don't get an early goal. Deep down I feel we are going to win."

Martin O'Neill (before).

"We were fantastic! Absolutely brilliant! We didn't just win here, it was emphatic. As my chairman says, 'Don't give me a brilliant manager, give me a lucky one'."

Martin O'Neill (after)

"The players got what they deserved. The last 15 minutes seemed like a season."

John Reardon

"I said in January that Wycombe and Forest, the two sides who met to open Adams Park on 9th August 1990, would each end the season with a Wembley Final in May."

Alan Hutchinson (Ringing the Blues).

"Thank God, at the end of the day, we've done it."

Glyn Creaser

"Whole day went better than anybody could have expected. One of the best displays seen all season. If we had won in the 89th minute with a lucky rebound I would have been happy, but to have played so well and thoroughly deserved the win over both legs is particularly pleasing."

Alan Parry

"Right'. That's out of the way. It's the big game at Slough on Tuesday against Marlow."

Martin O'Neill (to the players in the dressing room at Altrincham).

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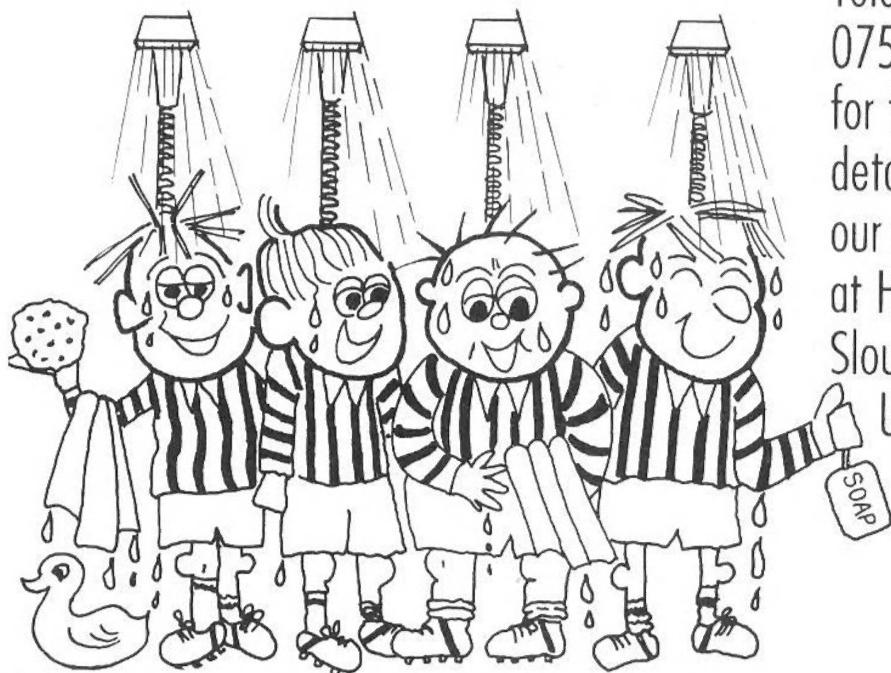
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C	Sheffield W.	v Portsmouth
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E	Aston Villa	v Sheffield U.
F	Bolton W.	v Leeds U.
G	Bolton W.	v Derby C.
H	Chelsea	v Birmingham
I	Huddersfield	v Sunderland
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K	Middlesbrough	v Blackburn R.
L	Manchester U.	v Cardiff C.
M	Millwall	v Plymouth A.
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O	Burnley	v W. Bromwich
P	Wolverhampton H.	v Everton
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